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SUBJ: OCCUPIED TERRITORIES RESOLUTIONS IN SPECIAL POLITICAL  
COMMITTEE

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1. WE INFORMED ISRAELI MISSION OF REFTEL VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ON FOUR RESOLUTIONS IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. INITIAL REACTION GAVE NO INDICATION OF CONCERN, BUT AMB. DORON, WHO REPRESENTS ISRAEL IN SPC, SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED TO EXPRESS HOPE US WOULD VOTE AGAINST SETTLEMENTS RES. HE BASED HIS POSITION ENTIRELY ON THE TACTICAL QUESTION OF TAKING A PORTION OF THE SC CONSENSUS STATEMENT AND REINTRODUCING IT IN THE FORM OF A RESOLUTION. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF IF US VOTED AGAINST RES SOME OF EUROPEANS WOULD MOVE FROM SUPPORT TO ABSTAIN.

2. DELOFF GAVE DORON RATIONALE FOR US ABSTENTION, POINTING OUT OUR VOTE EXPLANATION WOULD MAKE CLEAR OUR STRONG VIEWS ON USE BEING MADE OF SC CONSENSUS. WE EXPRESSED DOUBT ABOUT EUROPEAN VOTE SHIFT IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT EC-9 HAD TAKEN POSITION TO ABSTAIN BEFORE WE KNEW WHAT OUR POSITION WOULD BE. WE ALSO MADE CLEAR WE HAD EXPLAINED TO  
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EUROPEANS OUR DIFFICULTIES WITH RES, INCLUDING

BOTH TACTIC OF USING SC CONSENSUS AND "RESCIND"  
LANGUAGE IN OPERATIVE PARA 4.

3. DORON ALSO MADE BRIEF PITCH COR NEGATIVE VOTE  
ON QUNEITRA RES BUT WHEN GIVEN RIEF EXPLANATION  
OF OUR POSITION SEEMED TO ACCEPT IT AND REVERTED  
TO DISCUSSION OF SETTLEMENTS RES.

4. COMMENT. DESPITE DORON'S OPINION THAT US  
NEGATIVE VOTE WOULD RESULT IN SOME EUROPEANS  
SHIFTING TO ABSTAIN, THIS SEEM VERY DOUBTFUL  
TO US. EC-9 HAVE A COMMON POSITION TO VOTE YES, WHICH WE  
ASSME NONE WOULD WISH TO BREAK AT THIS POINT.  
(FRANCE WILL VOTE YES IN ANY EVENT.) AUSTRALIA,  
NEW ZEALAND AND NORDICS ALSO PLAN TO VOTE YES.  
CANADA APPARENTLY HAS NOT YET DEFINITELY DECIDED  
TO VOTE YES, BUT WE HAVE INDICATED TO THEM OUR  
INSTRUCTIONS NOT YET ENTIRELY FIRM, THAT ABSTENTION  
PROBABLE BUT NO VOTE POSSIBLE. MOREOVER, IN LIGHT  
OF OUR POSITION ON SETTLEMENTS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE  
ISRAELI REACTION TO OUR ABSTENTION WOULD BE STRONG,  
ESPECIALLY GIVEN OUR VOTE EXPLANATION WHICH  
EMPHASIZES VERY POINT THAT SEEMS TO BOTHER DORON  
MOST. ON OTHER SIDE, WE BELIEVE MANY DELS, INCLUDING  
ARABS AND EUROPEANS, WOULD FAIL TO UNDERSTAND A  
NEGATIVE US VOTE AND MIGHT INTERPRET IT AS SHIFT  
IN OUR POSITION. SOME WOULD CERTAINLY VIEW ITT AS  
CAPITULATION TO ISRAELI PRESSURE, GIVEN WIDE  
PUBLICITY THAT WAS GIVEN TO GOI REACTION TO US  
PARTICIPATION IN SC CONSENSUS. ABSTENTION, IN  
OUR VIEW, IS ACCURATE REFLECTION OF US POSITION ON  
SUBSTANCE COUPLED WITH OUR DISPLEASURE OVER  
TACTICS EMPLOYED. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT  
THERE BE NO CHANGE IN INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED  
REFTEL.  
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